

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 356

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Gladys Delores Stephens Brown,
one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Gladys Delores Stephens Brown, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Brown earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Clark Atlanta University, and she completed her Master of Education degree and her postgraduate work at the University of Memphis; she has since taught at Lane College, Owen Junior College and LeMoyne-Owen College, Shelby State Community College, and Southwest Tennessee Community College, where she has taught as an adjunct professor for the last nine years; and

WHEREAS, as the wife of a bishop, she has initiated and implemented workshops for ministers' spouses, missionaries, and young adult women throughout the United States; she

frequently speaks at churches and women's groups and conducts seminars, and she has traveled to various countries to attend ecumenical conferences; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her community, she volunteers with the local Memphis Branch of the NAACP and the local and national level of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, encourages high school students to attend college through a local HBCU awareness program, and guides young women toward college and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Gladys Brown be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Gladys Delores Stephens Brown on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.